

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4694–95, H4695–96, H4696, H4696–97, H4697–98, H4698, H4698–99, H4699, H4700, H4700–01, H4701, H4702, H4702–03, H4726–27, H4727, H4728, H4728–29, H4729, H4730, H4730–31, H4731, H4731–32 and H4732–33. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXAMINATION OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Conservation Programs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Rayne Pegg, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

### EXAMINATION OF SPECIALTY CROP PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Specialty Crop Programs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Services; and Bruce Nelson, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a markup of the FY 2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science held a markup of the FY 2012 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup of the FY 2012 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

### BUDGETING FOR AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Budgeting for America's National Security." Testimony was heard from David E. Mosher, Assistant Director, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses. Prior to the hearing the committee met to mark up the Committee Activity Report. The report was agreed to without amendment.

### RUSHING UNION ELECTIONS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Rushing Union Elections: Protecting the Interests of Big Labor at the Expense of Workers' Free Choice." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MEDICAL INNOVATION, JOBS, AND PATIENTS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "PDUFA V: Medical Innovation, Jobs, and Patients." Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

### INDEPENDENT AGENCIES ON REGULATORY REFORM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Views of the Independent Agencies on Regulatory Reform." Testimony was heard from Robert S. Adler, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Anne Meagher Northup, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Robert McDowell, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; and William E. Kovacic, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission.

### MORTGAGE SERVICING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Mortgage Servicing: An Examination of the Role of Federal Regulators in Settlement Negotiations and the Future of Mortgage Servicing Standards." Testimony was heard from Julie Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Mark Pearce, Director, Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Raj Date, Associate Director of Research, Markets and Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Department

of the Treasury; Luther Strange, Alabama Attorney General; and public witnesses.

### U.S. INTERESTS IN THE FACE OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing on Time to Pause the Reset? Defending U.S. Interests in the Face of Russian Aggression. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ASSESSING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FAILED STATE OF SOMALIA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint hearing on Assessing the Consequences of the Failed State of Somalia. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; Reuben Brigety, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MASSACRE AT CAMP ASHRAF

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Massacre at Camp Ashraf: Implications for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Michael Mukasey, former Attorney General of the United States; Gary Morsch, M.D., former Commander of Forward Operation Base Ashraf; Colonel Wes Martin, USA, (retired), former Base Commander of Camp Ashraf; and public witnesses.

### DHS'S EFFORTS TO PROTECT AMERICAN JOBS AND SECURE THE HOMELAND

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled "Homeland Security Investigations: Examining DHS's Efforts to Protect American Jobs and Secure the Homeland." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HEZBOLLAH IN LATIN AMERICA

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled "Hezbollah in Latin America—Implications for U.S. Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 966, the "Lawsuit

Abuse Reduction Act of 2011"; H.R. 1439, the "Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011"; and H.R. 527, the "Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011." H.R. 1439 was order reported without amendment. H.R. 966 and H.R. 527 were ordered reported, as amended.

### NATION'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE GROWING CYBER THREAT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Assessing the Nation's Ability to Address the Growing Cyber Threat." Testimony was heard from Greg Schaffer, Acting Deputy Undersecretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Robert J. Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, Department of Defense; and Ari Schwartz, Senior Internet Policy Advisor, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

### FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2011

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1309, the "Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011." The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and

controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their designee, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Rep. Biggert; Rep. Waters; Rep. Burton of Indiana; Rep. Sherman; Rep. Miller of Michigan; Rep. Cardoza; Rep. Walberg; Rep. Wilson of Florida; and Rep. Rivera.

#### **HITTING THE ETHANOL BLEND WALL: EXAMINING THE SCIENCE ON E15**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "Hitting the Ethanol Blend Wall: Examining the Science on E15." Testimony was heard from Margo Oge, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### **HOW USDA'S PROPOSED GIPSA RULE HURTS AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Injury: How USDA's Proposed GIPSA Rule Hurts America's Small Businesses." Testimony was heard from Edward Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture; Alan Christian, Deputy Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Recovery held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1911, the "Protecting Veterans' Homes Act; H.R. 240, to amend title 38, United States Code, to promote jobs for veterans through the use of sole source contracts by Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of meeting the contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures; H.R. 120, the "Disabled Veterans' Surviving Spouses Home Loans Act;" H.R. 2274, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2301, the "Streamlining Edu-

cation Claims Processing Act of 2011;" H.R. 2302, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2345, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc.; and H.R. 2329, the "Ensuring a Response for Servicemembers Act." Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 923, the "Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011;" H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; H.R. 1826, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees; H.R. 1898, the "Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act;" and H.R. 2349, the "Veterans' Benefits Training Improvement Act of 2011." Testimony was heard from Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a non-markup on legislation regarding the following: the "United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act", the "United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act", and the "United States-South Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act." Testimony was heard from Angela Ellard, Chief Trade Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means and Staff Director, Subcommittee on Trade; Timothy Reif, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan, Korea, and APEC Affairs; and Bennett Harman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere.

#### ***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
JULY 8, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup of H.R. 2401, the “Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals Regarding Bank Examination Practices.” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing on Emerging Threats and Security in the Western Hemisphere: Next Steps for U.S. Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Communicating With the Public During Emergencies: An Update on Federal Alert and Warning Efforts.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the

following: H.R. 1505, the “National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act”; and H.R. 587, the “Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry, joint hearing entitled “Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, joint hearing entitled “The Gainful Employment Regulation: Limiting Job Growth and Student Choice.” 10 a.m., 2154 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing and markup of H.R. 104, the “Realize America’s Maritime Promise (RAMP) Act.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security’s current benefit expenditures, proposed changes to future benefits and the impact those changes would have on the program, future beneficiaries, workers, and the economy, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.